

REMARKS

Claims 3, 5-16, 19-21, 23-38, 45-46, 48-52 and 120-124, 153-169 were pending in the application. Claims 153 and 160-168 have been amended to add sequence identifiers.

Accordingly, after the amendments presented herein have been entered, claims 3, 5-16, 19-21, 23-38, 45-46, 48-52 and 120-124, 153-169 will remain pending.

The Examiner issued a Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino acid Sequence Disclosures and indicated that claims 153 and 160-168 did not contain sequence identifiers. Applicants have amended the claims to contain the appropriate sequence identifiers. The Examiner additionally indicated that a new sequence listing, statement and amendment directing the entry of the listing into the specification were required. Applicants traverse. The sequence identifiers added to the claims were for sequences previously set forth and assigned sequence identifiers in the specification. Accordingly, there is no new sequence identifiers set forth in the instant amendments thereby obviating the need for a new sequence listing.

No new matter has been added. Any cancellation of the claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections and was done solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s).

Conclusion

Applicants submit herewith a request for the appropriate extension of time. Applicant believes that no further fees are due in connection with this amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge any fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe that the pending application is in condition for allowance. If a telephonic conversation would be helpful, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

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